



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20314-1000

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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM THRU COMMANDER, NORTH PACIFIC DIVISION

FOR COMMANDER, ALASKA DISTRICT

Subject: Request for Section 404(q) Elevation, Klatt Bog 22

1. This is in further regard to subject memorandum concerning the documentation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District's decision on the Klatt Bog permit. Upon further review, we identified that additional clarity was needed in the description of the documentation of the District's alternative analysis. The following information should be added to the end of paragraph 4 of subject memorandum:

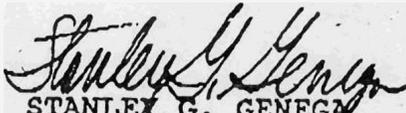
a. alternatives that the District determined to be not less environmentally damaging should be clearly identified and excluded from further analysis. The decision document should state why such alternatives are not less environmentally damaging.

b. criteria used by the District to evaluate the practicability of alternatives (e.g., why cost in excess of \$0.30 per square foot is not practicable).

c. for parcels which satisfy the cost threshold, document the determination of why a particular alternative is not practicable because of the lack of existing infrastructure. Further, infrastructure limitations should be explained in more detail as they applied to all alternatives (e.g., lack of utilities was apparently used to eliminate particular alternatives when the preferred site apparently lacked some of the same infrastructure).

d. document the District's reevaluation of the applicant's marketability study regarding why the scope of practicable alternatives is limited to single family housing in Anchorage, Alaska costing between \$135,000 and \$165,000.

2. Should you have any questions regarding this further clarification of our guidance please contact Ms. Cheryl Smith at (202) 272-1780.

  
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